

FINDING ACCOMMODATION

Tübingen is a small town with a large student population, so finding suitable accommodation can be challenging. It is important to start your search for accommodation as early as possible. This handout has been created to help you to find a suitable and affordable place to stay as well as to provide you with information you will need.

You might get lucky and find long-term accommodation before you arrive in Tübingen, but if you don't, that is not unusual and no cause for worry. In fact, it can actually be easier to find good long-term accommodation once you are here and can view apartments in person. In that case, you will need temporary, short-stay accommodation first, before you can start your search for a more permanent place to stay. So this handout aims to help you with your search for both kinds of accommodation.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- Leibniz-Institut für Wissensmedien (IWM) is located very close to the city centre. Tübingen is a small town and has a very good bus network, so getting to the institute is easy even if your accommodation is at the other side of town or in one of the outside districts. It is also well worth extending your search to include other towns close to Tübingen, such as Kusterdingen, Kirchentellinsfurt, Pfrondorf, Reutlingen or Rottenburg. All of these towns are well-connected with Tübingen via public transport. At about an hour's distance away by train, Stuttgart is also within commuting distance and some of our scientists choose to live there.
- A very good resource for general information regarding your move to Tübingen is the website of the **Tübingen Research Campus** (a cooperative association of local research institutes). You will find information about various areas of Tübingen, common German words and abbreviations you might see in ads for rentals, as well as how much rent you should expect to pay: [Accommodations | Tübingen Research Campus \(tuebingenresearchcampus.com\)](https://www.tuebingenresearchcampus.com/)
- When you register with the city of Tübingen, you will need to submit a form called **Wohnungsgeberbestätigung**. It is required by law and is a confirmation by the landlord that you have taken up residence there. Before you rent anything, you should make sure that the landlord or person who rents the room to you has no problems filling this in, because if they won't, it will not be possible to register with the city. This is especially important if you choose to stay in a shared apartment or take temporary accommodation.

TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION

Please find below a list of temporary accommodation options which you can book before you arrive in Tübingen to cover your initial few weeks in the city. Your choice depends on whether you'd prefer to share a flat with others, stay in a guesthouse or have your own temporary flat.

Subletting of shared flats

One popular option for students is to rent a room in a shared flat (*Wohngemeinschaft – WG*) where someone is subletting their room for a few months (referred to as *Zwischenmiete*).

There are several websites that have offers for temporary flat rentals while someone is away. These include:

<https://www.wg-gesucht.de/wg-zimmer-in-Tuebingen.127.0.1.0.html> (the most popular website, in German only)

<https://en.wg-suche.de/flatshare/deutschland-baden-wuerttemberg-tuebingen/apartments-studentapartments> (although the website is in English, not all adverts are in English)

<https://housinganywhere.com/de/s/T%C3%BCbingen--Deutschland> (in German only)

There you'll find many advertisements and it's also the cheapest option because you will share a flat with other people and have your own room there. Most students who live in the shared flats speak English so it will be easy to get in contact with them.

Guesthouses and guest rooms

If you're looking for more private accommodation, then a guesthouse or guest rooms are a good choice. The tourist information office (see below) also provides addresses or we can help you find suitable options. Many guest houses offer discounted prices for longer stays, so be sure to ask.

Youth hostel

If you are coming just a few days before your start date, you can also sleep at the city hostel. You can check availability here: <https://www.jugendherberge.de/>. They also have private rooms.

Air BnB

Another very good option is of course Air BnB: <https://www.airbnb.com>. Airbnb landlords often offer rebated prices for longer stays.

Tübingen Tourist Information Office “Verkehrsverein”

The Tübingen Tourist Information Office has a database of hotels, furnished rooms, and vacation flats in and around Tübingen that can be viewed in several languages and sorted by number of beds and by price. The link “show in map” (just below the search window) will show the locations of the apartments.

<https://www.tuebingen-info.de/de/mein-aufenthalt/uebernachten-arrangements>

A few hotels do not appear in the above databases. Their contact details can be found below

Victor-Renner-Haus	Frondsbergstraße 55 72070 Tübingen	Phone: +49 (0)7071 55 90 20 E-mail: Viktor-Renner-Haus-Tuebingen@ib.de https://www.internationaler-bund.de/standort/209989
Guest rooms Marek	Biesingerstraße 2 72070 Tübingen	Phone: +49 (0)7071 40333 E-Mail: info@zimmertuebingen.de Single and double rooms with common kitchen and bathrooms.
Vacation flats Cremer	Ursrainer Ring 63 72076 Tübingen	Phone: +49 (0) 7071 600 587 E-Mail: info@tuebinger-ferienwohnungen.de https://tuebinger-ferienwohnungen.de/ 3 vacation apartments, which can be rented from min. 3 nights.
Guest room “Der faire Kaufladen”	Marktgasse 12 72070 Tübingen	Phone: +49 (0)171 264 2138 E-Mail: info@der-faire-kaufladen.de http://www.derfairekaufladen.de/html/ubernachten.html . Room to rent in the historical center of town, currently 40 euros per night for single occupancy, 60 euros per night for double occupancy.
Guest rooms Schönleber	Neckarhalde 38 72070 Tübingen	Phone: +49 (0)7071 860467 E-Mail: info@gaestezimmer-unterm-schloss.de http://www.gaestezimmer-unterm-schloss.de/zimmer.0.html Rooms for one, two and 3 persons.
Apartments von Hoerschelmann	Philosophenweg 81, 72076 Tübingen	Phone: +49 (0)177-3049877 E-mail: mvhoerschelmann@t-online.de http://www.tuebingen-fewo.de/index.html Furnished apartments, size 23m², quiet location near Kunsthalle. Special conditions for longer stays.

Mitwohnzentrale Tübingen - Reutlingen

Agency specializing in finding temporary accommodation, often furnished. They do charge a commission, but will search listings according to your wishes.

<http://www.mitwohnzentrale-tuebingen.de/> → check “Angebote zur Miete”

Contact data and map: <http://www.mitwohnzentrale-tuebingen.de/kontakt.htm>

LONG-TERM ACCOMMODATION

After you’ve arrived in Tübingen and had a chance to settle into life on campus, you can then start looking for more permanent accommodation. Here are some of the options available to you.

WGs/shared flats

These types of flats are usually shared between two to six people, with a common kitchen and bathroom. Everyone usually has their own room for which they have to provide their own furniture, though sometimes the last occupant might sell off a lot of their own stuff to the next one. This could be a good option if you don't want to invest too much. German roommates are an excellent way to learn German and living in a shared apartment can have social benefits. Searching for a shared flat is much as described above for short-term accommodation, and www.wg-gesucht.de is again an excellent resource.

Private flats

There is a large selection of websites offering vacant flats in and around Tübingen. Here is an initial selection of websites where apartments are regularly offered:

<https://www.immowelt.de/suche/landkreis-tuebingen/wohnungen/mieten>

<https://immo.swp.de/mieten/wohnung/tuebingen>

(newspaper advertisements-- ask if you want help translating them)

<https://www.immobilienscout24.de/wohnen/baden-wuerttemberg,tuebingen-kreis,tuebingen/mietwohnungen.html>

<https://www.immonet.de/baden-wuerttemberg/tuebingen-tuebingen-wohnung-mieten.html>

<https://www.wohnungsboerse.net/Tuebingen/mieten/wohnungen>

<https://www.immozentral.com/>

<http://www.immopionier.de/baden-wuerttemberg/tuebingen/tuebingen/tuebingen/wohnung-mieten.html>

<https://www.kalaydo.de/immobilien/mietwohnungen/o/landkreis-tuebingen/tuebingen/?radius=5>

Another option is the website “ebay Kleinanzeigen”: <https://www.ebay-kleinanzeigen.de/s-wohnung-mieten/tuebingen/c20319088>

Real-estate agencies (“Immobiliengesellschaften”)

A brokerage fee (“*Provision*”) is charged by real-estate agents (“*Immobilienmakler*”), generally corresponding to approximately the rent of two months. Enter “*Wohnungsmakler Tübingen*” in your browser to find agencies. These listings are generally a bit more expensive, however.

Newspaper ads

The local newspaper, *Schwäbisches Tagblatt*, is also a good option while looking for accommodation and they post their adverts online. Additionally, it might be an idea to get an advert of your own listing what you are looking for. As accommodation in Tübingen is in high demand, many landlords try to avoid the onslaught on applicants by looking through the newspaper and selecting applicants they think might be a good fit. If you want to place an advertisement in the newspaper, let us know and we can send you more information on how to do this.

LOOK OUT FOR SCAMS!

Unfortunately, scam advertisements are becoming more frequent on the internet. Please do not make any payments before you have actually seen the room or apartment and have a signed contract!

We hope this provides a useful guide to flat hunting in Tübingen. If you have any questions, need something translated or just some more advice, do not hesitate to contact the International Office

WHAT CAN WE DO FOR YOU?

Post on the IWM Off-topic mailing list

IWM has an off-topic mailing list and we would be happy to post an advert there on your behalf – if you would like us to do so, please get in touch as early as possible before you arrive here, and let us know a few specifics of what you are looking for (e.g. approximate rent, no. of rooms, email address).

Help with placing an ad in the local newspaper

If you would like to place an advertisement in the Tagblatt, we would be happy to place one for you in the name of the institute. This increases the number of responses received. The institute will also pay for the first ad. If you decide to advertise again, you may continue to do so using the same text, but will have to pay for the advertisement yourself.

Letter of confirmation for potential landlords

We will provide you with a letter to your landlord that confirms your employment at the Leibniz-Institut für Wissensmedien. You can take this letter with you when you view the accommodation.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please don't hesitate to email the Welcome Center or make an appointment for a personal meeting.

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